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1. An improved dental prostheses comprising:  
an implant abutment affixed at a lower end to a dental implant,  
said implant abutment having an implant abutment axis;  
a groove in said implant abutment extending substantially transverse to said axis  
and O-ring of elastomeric material stretched about said implant abutment and  
elastically retained in said groove, said O-ring having a cross-sectional diameter substantially  
greater than the depth of said groove such that an outer portion of said ring projects from said  
axial implant abutment surface; and  
an appliance having a retainer cavity including a retainer surface closely  
telescopically matable onto said axial implant abutment surface, there being a complementary  
groove in said retainer surface shaped to closely match and receive said outer portion of the O-  
ring, said O-ring thus making a resilient retentive fit between said prosthesis and said implant  
abutment.
  2. The prosthesis of claim 1 wherein said implant abutment includes a tapered  
surface for guiding engagement with said retainer cavity of said appliance.
  3. The prosthesis of claim 2 wherein said implant abutment is threadedly connected  
to said implant.
  4. The prosthesis of claim 3 wherein said implant abutment is formed from metal.
  5. The prosthesis of claim 4 wherein said appliance is formed from metal, either  
processed into a denture, partial denture, a splinted bar.
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6. The prosthesis of claim 5 wherein said appliance is formed from porcelain fused to metal.

7. An implant dental prosthesis comprising:  
an implant abutment affixed at a lower end to a dental implant,  
said implant abutment having an implant abutment axis, and an appliance having  
a hollow retainer cavity with an outwardly and downwardly taper relative to said  
implant abutment axis forming a retainer surface telescopically mateable on and upwardly and  
inwardly extending facing tapered surface on said axial implant abutment.

8. The prosthesis of claim 7 wherein said tapered surfaces are in frictional engagement.

9. The prosthesis of claim 8 wherein said retentive element between said mating tapered surfaces.

10. The prosthesis of claim 9 where said retentive element is in a plane generally transverse to the axis of said implant abutment.

11. The prosthesis of claim 10 wherein said retentive element is an O-ring in complementary grooves in said tapered surfaces.

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